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JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL

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SUBJECT

SILVERMASTER

FILE NO.

65-56402

VOLUME NO.

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File No: 65-56402Set 162Re: SILVERMASTERDate: _____
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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
4241	3-21-58	NY ltr AL	1	1	
4242	3-21-58	Bulmet memo Buchanan	1	1	b1
NE	4-7-58	ALB ltr NY	2	2	
4243	-	Change TO Form	1	1	
NE	8-1-58	FD 192	1	1	
4244	8-6-58	WFO ltr ALB	2	2	b1 b7c b7D
NE	8-11-58	ALB AT NY	3	3	
NE	8-13-53	ALB ltr AAL	2	2	
NE	9-12-53	Short memo Nease	1	1	
4245	9-16-53	Bureau memo Bulmet	1	1	b1
4246	-	Change TO Form	1	1	
NE	11-1-58	↓	1	1	

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4247	9-16-55	Sanjour memo Belmont	1	0	Duplicate of 65-56402-4245
4248	1-22-59	LA ltr NY	3	3	b1
NL	2-9-59	Short memo McGraw	1	1	
NL	2-1-59	FD 192	1	1	
4249	2-5-55	NY ltr LA	3	3	b1
4250	2-6-55	WFO ltr LA	4	4	
4251	2-4-55	SEAL: CHARGE out	1	1	
4252	2-27-59		1	1	
4253	2-27-55	↓	1	1	
4254	3-12-55	WFO ltr LA	1	1	
NL	3-7-55	NY ltr LA	3	3	b3 Rule (b)(7)(c)
4255	-	CHARGE TO FORM	1	1	

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4256	5-7-59	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
4257	5-7-59	NY ltr HQ	4	4	b7c b7D
4259	5-15-59	HQ ltr NY	2	2	
NR	5-26-59	BS ltr HQ	1	1	
4258	6-15-59	NY ltr HQ	2	2	b7c b7D
4259	7-2-59	NY ltr HQ	2	0	b1
4260	7-15-59	SC ltr HQ	2	2	b7c b7D
4261	7-21-59	NY ltr HQ	1	1	b7c b7D
4262	-	change to form	1	1	
NR	8-1-59	FD 192	1	1	
NR	8-12-59	Short memo McGuire	1	1	
NR	8-12-59	↓	1	1	

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NIC	9-25-59	NY ltr LHO	1	1	b7E
NIC	12-9-59	Letter Agency to Am Embassy London	1	0	Refer
NIC	2-1-60	FD 192	1	1	
4263	7-8-60	WFO ltr LHO	1	1	b2 b7c b7D
NIC	8-3-60	FD 192	1	1	
4264	-	Change to Form	1	1	
NIC	2-1-61	FD 192	1	1	
NIC	8-1-61	FD 192	1	1	
4265	7-26-61	NY ltr LHO	1	1	
4265	8-5-61	LHO ltr NY	1	1	
4266	8-8-61	Transmit memo Sullivan	1	1	
4267	9-24-61	3rd Party ltr LHO / copy	1/1	1/1	b7c

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4267	4-24-61	NO ltr 3 rd Army	1	1	b7c
4268-	-	Change to Form	1	1	
4269	8-28-61	Collection man's Dir	1	1	
4370	9-22-61	3 rd Army ltr NO ltr	1/1	1/1	b7c
NIL	2-1-61	FD 162	1	1	
NIL	4-13-62	SA memo SAC	4	2	b1 b7D
NIL	8-1-62	FD 192	1	1	
4271	7-23-62	NY ltr NO	1	1	
4271	8-10-62	NO ltr NY	1	1	
4272	11-12-62	True copy of 3 rd Army ltr / original	1/2	1/2	b7c
4272	11-15-62	NO ltr 3 rd Army	1	1	b7c
NIL	2-1-62	FD 162	1	1	

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NRC	3-28-46	NY TT HQ	1	0	b1
NRC	4-3-46	HQ Ltr AC	1	0	b1
NRC	8-1-63	FD 192	1	1	
4273	8-8-63	NY Ltr HQ	2	2	
4273	8-23-63	HQ Ltr NY	1	1	
NRC	12-3-63	NH ADDOgram HQ	1	1	
11	12-3-63	INFORMATIVE NOTE	1	1	
4274	12-12-63	NY Ltr HQ	1	1	
4275	12-18-63	Bennettgram memo Sullivan	1	1	
4275	12-19-63	HQ Ltr NY	1	1	
4276	1-7-64	NY Ltr HQ	1	1	
NRC	10-7-64	Attache Ottawa Ltr HQ for	1/5	%	b1
4277	-	Change to form	1	1	

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4278	2-24-65	Short memo Tavel	1	1	b7c
4278	2-25-65	LD ltr 3 rd Party	1	1	b7c
4279	-	Change to Form	1	1	
4280	-		1	1	
4281	-		1	1	
4282	-		1	1	
4283	7-8-69	True copy 3 rd Party ltr LD / oncoming	1/1	1/1	b7c
4283	7-15-65	LD ltr 3 rd Party	1	1	b7c
N/C	10-1-65	LD ltr AAL	1	1	b7c
4284	3-6-71	Seniac change out	1	1	
4285	5-8-70	↓	1	1	
4286	7-16-70	LD II Dept Ottawa	1	0	b1

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4287	7-16-70	Letter Ottawa PI RD Inc	1/1	0/0	b1
NE	2-15-72	NY AT RD	2	1	b1 1st refer
NE	1-2-73	LA ltr AAG/ and	3/7	3/4	
NE	7-13-73	Spec Abst Dup LA ltr RD/Inc	1/2	0/0	Refer
NE	8-8-73	RD ltr 3rd Party	2	2	
NE	8-7-73	Legal Council memo Dir	3	3	
4288	7-30-73	1c ltr Inc	1/2	0/0	b1
4289	11-30-73	3rd Party ltr RD	1	1	
-	-	encl. disp	1	0	b7c
4285	7-7-73	RD ltr 3rd Party	1	1	
4290	12-7-73	3rd Party ltr RD	1	1	
-	-	encl. disp	1	0	b7c

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4296	1-10-74	LA ltr 3rd Party	2	2	
NIC	1-2-74	3rd Party ltr AL	3	3	
NIC	1-14-74	↓ ltr AL	1	1	
NIC	1-25-74	AL ltr 3rd Party	2	2	
NIC	1-21-74	3rd Party ltr AL	1	1	
NIC	2-11-74	AL ltr 3rd Party	2	2	b7c
4291	3-8-74	3rd Party ltr AL	1	1	
-	-	stands alone	1	0	b7c
4291	3-15-74	AL ltr 3rd Party	1	1	
NIC	4-1-74	R/O	1	1	
NIC	7-10-74	debt ltr ltr	2	0	b1
NIC	7-24-74	debt ltr ltr	1	1	
NIC	9-20-74	LA ltr AL	2	2	b1 b7c b7d

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			Actual	Released	
4292-	-	Search slip	4	0	b7c
4293	-	Change to Form	1	1	
4294	-		1	1	
4295	-		1	1	
4296	-		1	1	
4297-	-		1	1	
4298	-		1	1	
4299	-		1	1	
4300	11-2-75	Another Agency letter and	1/1	0	Refer
4301-	-				
4304	-	Change to Form	1	1	
4305-	-				
4306	-		1	1	
4307-	-		1	1	
4308	-		1	1	
4309	4-27-78	110 letter 3rd party	1	1	
4310	7-23-78	110 letter AL	2	0	b1

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 3/21/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.; ET AL
ESPIONAGE-R

39307

Re New Haven airtel dated 3/4/58, in case "JOSEPH SILVERMAN; SGE", requesting NYO to furnish New Haven with a copy of the statement of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in order to assist New Haven in future interviews with BENTLEY.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is now apparently more or less permanently domiciled in Connecticut, the NYO is enclosing herewith for the New Haven Office one copy of the signed statement of BENTLEY dated 11/30/45, concerning her espionage activities.

- 4 - Bureau (65-56402) (RM)
 - (1 - 134-435) (ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY)
 - (1 - 140-) (JOSEPH SILVERMAN; SGE)
- 2 - New Haven (65-1149) (RRR) (Encl. 1)
 - (1 - 140-1107)
- 1 - New York (134-182)
- 1 - New York (140-7878)
- 1 - New York (65-14603)

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

1 - Mr. Boardman

DATE: March 21, 1958

FROM : A. H. Belmont

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Nease

1 - Mr. Branigan

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SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et
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By memorandum dated 9/16/57 you were advised that the detailed brief (5/6/55) in which we analyzed charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3/28/55 before the International Organization Employees Loyalty Board had been reviewed and brought up-to-date; that the charges made by Taylor constituted an attack on the over-all Government Loyalty Program and the credibility of Elizabeth T. Bentley and that the brief would be reviewed on a six-months basis, unless pertinent developments required appropriate revision prior to that time.

There have been no important developments in the case since referenced memorandum was submitted and no revisions of the brief are being submitted at this time. In the event additional data is obtained, the brief will be brought up-to-date promptly. William Henry Taylor continues to be of interest to the Bureau because of information furnished by

RECOMMENDATION:

On the occasion of the next review, consideration will be given to the advisability of discontinuing the maintenance of this brief in the absence of new developments which might warrant keeping it up-to-date.

WAB:jlw

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65-56402

1 - 100-370362 (William Henry Taylor)

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Putnam

SAC, New York (100-105219)

April 17, 1958

Director, FBI (100-376740)

ROBERT PEACE HELLER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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DATE 11/1/83 BY SP-5 JAC/BJC

Rerep SA Louis J. Bruze, Jr., dated 1/2/58 at New York, captioned "Bernard Isiah Heller, Assistant Director for Professional Services, Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic, Veterans Administration, Brooklyn, New York, Security of Government Employees." Reference is also made to the following communications from your office: report of SA John T. Hillsbos, 12/26/45, captioned "Gregory, Espionage - R" (page 41); report of SA John T. Murphy, 1/31/50, captioned "Rockwell Kent, Internal Security - C" (page 8); report of SA John C. Seaton, 6/7/55, captioned "Robert Peace Heller, Security Matter - C" (page 20); your letter 9/27/55, captioned "Robert Peace Heller, Security Matter - C" (page 2); and report of SA John C. Seaton, 2/23/56, captioned "Robert Peace Heller, Security Matter - C" (page 4).

A review of rerep 1/2/58 indicates that Robert Peace Heller is a cousin of Bernard Isiah Heller, whereas the remaining referenced communications show Robert Peace Heller and Bernard Isiah Heller to be brothers. It is noted in rereps of 12/26/45 and 1/31/50 that the source for identifying Robert Peace Heller and Bernard Isiah Heller as brothers is the New York Medical Directory. The remaining communications which reflect Robert Peace Heller and Bernard Isiah Heller as brothers do not specify the source for this information.

You are instructed to recheck the New York Medical Directory and any other sources which furnished information during your investigation to the effect that Robert Peace Heller and Bernard Isiah Heller are brothers.

- 1 - New York (140-5527 - Bernard Isiah Heller)
- 1 - New York (100-26015 - Rockwell Kent)
- 1 - New York (65-14603 - Gregory)

- 1 - 140- (Bernard Isiah Heller)
- ① - 65-56402 (Gregory)
- 1 - 100-15145 (Rockwell Kent)

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50 APR 29 1958

Letter to New York
RE: ROBERT PEACE HELLER
100-376740

to insure that these sources were accurately quoted. In the event you determine that these sources were not accurately quoted, you should take appropriate corrective action. For your information, rereps of 12/26/46, 1/31/50, 6/7/55 and 2/23/56 were disseminated by the Bureau to other Government agencies.

This matter should be handled promptly and the Bureau advised of the results of your inquiry and action taken.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is not on Security Index. He has been living in England for several years and desires to establish permanent residence there. No recent subversive activity concerning subject has been obtained. An anonymous communication identified subject as Communist Party member while at Harvard University 1931 through 1935. He was identified as Communist Party member in 1946. Basis for SGE investigation on Bernard Isaiah Heller was relationship to Robert Peace Heller. Rerep of 12/26/46 disseminated to William Foley, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. Rereps of 6/7/55 and 2/23/56 disseminated to State Department and CIA. Rerep 1/31/50 disseminated to Records Administration Branch, Department of Justice. SGE report of 3/24/58 carries Bernard Heller's middle name as Isaiah. The remaining referenced communications carry Bernard Heller's middle name as Isaiah.

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FD-192
(7-17-52)

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

File: **65-56402**

NEW YORK

Field Division

8-1-53

Date

Title and Character of Case:

**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS, ET AL
ESP - R**

Date Property Acquired:

11-17-45

Source From Which Property Acquired:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

**Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:**

EVIDENCE

**Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:**

T. SPENCER

One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00.

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11/11/83 **SP4/JSW/JS**

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cc: 65-6649**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 8/6/58

FROM :

SAC, WFO (100-17593)

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SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al
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(OO: NEWARK)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

DAVID REIN, local CP attorney, is described as follows:

On 8/23/55 HERBERT FUCHS, a self-admitted former member of the CP and CPA from 1934 to 1946, and who was active in secret Government CP groups in a leadership capacity in Washington, D. C., and Denver, Colo., from 1936 to 1946, advised that DAVID REIN was a member of a secret Government CP group at the National Labor Relations Board during the period October, 1937, to midsummer of 1942. FUCHS was unable to give the exact dates of this membership, but stated that it comprised almost the entire period that REIN was employed by that agency.

- ③ - Bureau
(1 - 101-1821) (MARCUS I. GOLDMAN)
2 - Newark (RM)
5 - WFO
(1 - 100-32783)
(1 - 100-23447)
(1 - 100-32769)
(1 - 100-33416)

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Personnel files of the NLRB indicate that REIN was employed by that agency at Washington, D. C., from 3/16/38 to 7/20/42.

[REDACTED] b1
New York attorney who has represented the CP, USA before the SACB, U.S. Court of Appeals, and U.S. Supreme Court. (u)

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No investigation is requested of Newark by WFO and the above is submitted for information.

CONFIDENTIAL

T. Cavanaugh
T. Branigan
- Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Putnam
August 12, 1958

Airtel

To: SAC, New York (100-105219)
From: Director, FBI (100-376740)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

**ROBERT PEACE HELLER
SECURITY MATTER - C**

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DATE 11/1/89 BY SP4 JWS/BS
DATE 7-9-83 BY SP5 [signature]

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

ReBulet 4-17-58. Reference is also made to airtel dated 4-17-58 advising that appropriate corrective action was being taken in New York files with regard to the report of Special Agent John F. Wilkes dated 12-24-46 at New York, captioned "Gregory, Espionage - R" and the report of Special Agent John F. Murphy dated 1-31-50 at New York, captioned "Rockwell Kent, Internal Security - C."

Inasmuch as investigation in this matter has proven that [redacted] and Bernard Isaiah Heller are not brothers, you are requested to take the following corrective action with regard to the communications in instant case set forth below:

1. Report of Special Agent John C. Boston dated 6-7-55 at New York: Delete "Brother - Dr. Bernard Isaiah Heller," referred to in line 16, page 20, of the description of subject.
2. New York letter dated 9-27-55: Delete "Brother - Dr. Bernard Isaiah Heller," referred to in lines 25 and 26 of page two of the description of subject.
3. Report of Special Agent John C. Boston dated 2-23-56 at New York: Delete "Brother - Dr. Bernard Isaiah Heller," referred to in line 20, page four, of the description of subject.

1 - London for information

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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**Airtel to New York
Re: Robert Peace Heller
100-375740**

You are instructed to inform offices to which copies of the above-mentioned communications were transmitted of the necessary corrections in this matter and in the event dissemination to outside agencies was made on a field office level, appropriate corrective action in that regard should be taken. Bureau copies of the above-mentioned communications are being corrected in accordance with the above and outside agencies to which dissemination was made at the Seat of Government will be advised by separate communication of the necessary corrections.

The Legal Attache, London, England, is instructed to correct, in accordance with the above, its copies of Special Agent Seaton's reports dated 6-7-55 and 2-23-56.

This matter must receive continuous and expeditious attention. You should promptly advise the Bureau of action taken together with explanations of responsible personnel and your recommendations for administrative action. For your information, Special Agent John T. Hilsbee is no longer in the service of the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is not included in the Security Index. He has been living in England for several years and desires to establish permanent residence there. No recent subversive activity concerning subject has been obtained. He was identified as a Communist Party member in 1946. In March, 1958, a Security of Government Employees investigation was conducted by this Bureau on Bernard Isiah Heller. Security of Government Employees report of 3-24-58 carries Bernard Heller's middle name as Isiah, whereas remaining communications in this matter carry his middle name as Isiah. During Security of Government Employees investigation of Bernard Heller, it was determined that Bernard Heller is cousin of subject rather than brother of subject. The above-mentioned reports dated 12-26-46 and 1-31-50 show the New York Medical Directory to be the source identifying Robert Peace Heller and Bernard Heller as brothers. Although the remaining communications mentioned above do not reflect a source for this information, New York by letter dated 6-16-58 advised that the source for that information appearing in Special Agent Seaton's reports of 6-7-55 and 2-23-56 showing subject and Bernard Heller to be brothers was Selective Service records. Subsequent

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Airtel to New York
Re: Robert Peace Heller
100-376740

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

Investigation in this matter has disclosed that a review of the Medical Directory of New York failed to show any information regarding the relatives of Bernard Heller. In addition, it was determined by the New York Office that the above-mentioned Selective Service records have been destroyed. The following dissemination to outside agencies has been made of the above-mentioned reports: Report of Special Agent Hilsbos, 12-26-46, to Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Report of Special Agent Murphy, 1-31-50, to Division of Records, Department of Justice; reports of Special Agent Seaton dated 6-7-55 and 8-23-56, to State and Central Intelligence Agency.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Black
1 - Mr. Glavin
1 - Mr. Putnam

August 13, 1958

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Attention: Administrative Officer, Room 5750
Director, FBI

ROCKWELL KENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John T. Murphy dated January 31, 1950, at New York, New York, captioned as above, and also to the report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated December 26, 1946, at New York, New York, in the case captioned "Gregory, Espionage - R."

Paragraph two of page eight of Special Agent Murphy's report mentioned above makes reference to Bernard Isaiah Heller as being the brother of Robert Heller. The last paragraph on page forty-one of Special Agent Hilsbos' report likewise makes reference to Bernard Isaiah Heller as being the brother of Robert Heller. Recent investigation in connection with another matter has disclosed that Bernard Isaiah Heller is not the brother of Robert Heller. In view of the foregoing, consideration may be given to making appropriate notations on copies of the referenced reports in the possession of the Department of Justice.

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① - 65-56402 (Gregory)

1 - 100-376740 (Robert Peace Heller)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index of the Albany Office. He has been affiliated with over 90 front organizations and has served in positions of leadership in several front organizations cited by the Attorney General and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Referenced report of 1-31-50 reflects that Robert Heller was a contact of the subject. Referenced report of 12-26-46 reflects that Robert Heller was in contact with Nathan Gregory. During March, 1958, a Security of Government Employees investigation was conducted on Dr. Bernard Isaiah Heller, during which investigation it was disclosed that

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Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

Dr. Bernard Heller and Robert Heller are not brothers. The source for the information set forth in the referenced reports was the New York Medical Directory. Subsequent investigation by the New York Office disclosed that the New York Medical Directory failed to reflect any information concerning the relatives of Dr. Bernard Isiah Heller. New York by letter dated 6-16-58 advised that appropriate corrective action was being taken with regard to the referenced reports in New York files. Appropriate corrective action has been taken in Bureau files. By airtel dated 8-12-58, New York was instructed to submit explanations of responsible personnel and recommendations regarding administrative action.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 9-12-58

FROM : L. E. SHURT

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was ET AL
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We are presently in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits presently on hand, in order that we may weed out those which will serve no useful purpose by being retained. Inasmuch as a great many of these bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that you have the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein. A notation as to the decision rendered should be placed on this memorandum, and it should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building. This memorandum will be filed in the case file.

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That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

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TO : A. H. Belmont Tfc: 1 - Belmont
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FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al.
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By memo dated 3-21-58 you were advised that a detailed brief (5-6-55) in which we analyzed charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organization Employees Loyalty Board had been reviewed and brought up-to-date; that the charges made by Taylor constituted an attack on the over-all Government loyalty program and the credibility of Elizabeth T. Bentley and that on the occasion of the next review of this matter consideration would be given to the advisability of discontinuing the maintenance of this brief in the absence of new developments which might warrant keeping it up-to-date.

There have been no new developments in this case since our memo of 3-21-58, and no revisions of the original brief are being submitted at this time. William Henry Taylor continues to be of interest to the Bureau because of information obtained through

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it is recommended that the maintenance of this brief be discontinued at this time. In the event additional information is developed either from [redacted] or some other source regarding William Henry Taylor, consideration will be given at that time to reopening the case and revising the brief on Taylor.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

Director, FBI (65-56402)

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al
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Reference is made to previous communications involving the above-captioned individual and his associates.

As you know, extensive investigation has been conducted by the Bureau over a considerable period of time for the primary purpose of substantiating the espionage allegations of Elizabeth Bentley regarding Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and various of his associates who, according to Bentley, were involved in a Soviet espionage operation during the late 1930's and early 1940's. With respect to Silvermaster, in particular, we have also been interested in any information which might be of assistance in effecting his denaturalization.

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In addition to this, [redacted] will recall that [redacted] were made subsequent to the passage of the Immunity Bill to utilize the Ullman and Fitzgerald cases as a wedge through which additional witnesses might be developed in this case. Both of these individuals refused to furnish

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Letter to New York

**Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, et al.
65-56402**

pertinent details concerning the operations of the Silvermaster group, although the information in Bufiles indicates that they are in a position to do so. We have also given consideration in the past, particularly in the case of William Ludwig Billman, to the use of a "third party approach," with the thought in mind that Billman, through an approach by an associate or friend, might be prevailed upon to testify for the Government.

The Bureau feels that consideration should be given at this time as to whether we should renew efforts which might result in obtaining the necessary witness or witnesses for prosecution of Silvermaster and his associates. It is realized that considerable time has elapsed and that much has transpired in the field of world events insofar as the Soviet Union is concerned. It has been suggested that it might be possible to capitalize on the various activities of the Soviets including the Hungarian situation in order to determine whether some of the individuals who are in a position to furnish vital information regarding this case might be prevailed upon to testify on behalf of the Government. The suggestion has been made that a selected group of key subjects in the Silvermaster group might be approached in a manner similar to the approach used in our Topley Program in order to determine whether their feelings toward the Soviet Union have changed or whether they have relented to any degree regarding their past involvement.

In connection with the above suggestion, the observation has been made that in order to successfully approach individuals in the Silvermaster case who might become potential witnesses for the Government, Bureau Agents should be in a position to deal with the subjects in an "on the spot manner." The thought behind this is that potential witnesses will, if necessary, involve themselves to some degree in an espionage operation which might subject them to prosecution and that for this reason, without assurances of some immunity, they have been and

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will continue to be reluctant to become witnesses for the Government. In order to make any such approach it would, of course, be necessary to have prior authority from the Department and an opinion from the Department as to what legal aspects, if any, of the Immunity Statute are involved.

With the above thought in mind, Bureau desires that the Newark, New York and Washington field offices submit their observations regarding the above possible approach to members of the Silvermaster group. Bureau further desires that in submitting these observations, suggested members of the Silvermaster group who might be considered in the event of such an approach be specifically designated by the respective offices.

The comments of the offices should not be limited to the above suggestion. Any observations of a related nature or suggestions of a similar type which will accomplish the ultimate purpose in these investigations should be freely submitted for consideration.

It is requested that this matter be given serious consideration by your offices and that your observations be submitted to the Bureau by 2-5-52.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MC *WILRE*

DATE: FEB 9 1959

FROM : L. E. *SHORT*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was et al
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56502)

DATE 2/5/59

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT :

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,

et al.

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ReBulet, dated 1/27/59, to NY, requesting observations as to possible further approaches to members of the SILVERMASTER group, which might be employed with a view toward substantiating the espionage allegations of ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

A list of members of the SILVERMASTER group is set forth as follows:

Name	NY file	Bufile	Office of Origin
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER	105-1393	101-786	NK 65-3861
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN	65-15791	100-364197	NK 100-33199
SOLOMON ADLER	65-15257	65-58751	NY
NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE	100-80430	101-3274	CGO 100-18077
VIRGINIUS FRANK COE	100-96778	100-364447	NY
LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE	100-95069	101-3616	NY

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Name	NY file	Bufile	Office of Origin
BELA GOLD	100-89883	100-365890	PHH 100-9150
Mrs. BELA GOLD, aka. Sonia Gold			
ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN	100-95971	100-363533	NY
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR	65-15884	100-370362	WFO 100-20526

At the present time the SILVERMASTER group members are the only individuals being considered in accordance with re Bulet. There are other individuals both in the PERLO group and elsewhere who if cooperative might sometime be used as witnesses to corroborate BENTLEY'S allegations. In seeking corroboration for the allegations of BENTLEY, the Bureau might also wish to consider and explore the possibility that restrictions on [redacted] (not to be disseminated) information might be eased. If [redacted] information should ever be made available for use, it could be of substantial assistance not only in the SILVERMASTER case, but in many others such as, the JUDITH COPLON case.

Of the above listed individuals, CURRIE and ADLER can immediately be eliminated from further consideration inasmuch as both have lost their American citizenship and CURRIE now resides in Colombia and ADLER in England. A general view of the remaining individuals and the extent to which they have been investigated in the past would indicate that all avenues of approach to these individuals must have been explored and that further efforts would be no more productive now than in the past. However, as the Bureau pointed out, it is possible that for some reason or other their attitude toward cooperation with the FBI may have changed in which case it would be well worth the effort to find out.

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Decisions as to the best way to handle each individual will undoubtedly vary because of the many factors involved. Therefore, the recommendation is made that each of the above listed case files except CURRIE'S and ADLER'S be reopened for consideration under this program. The original "GREGORY" case file, NY file 65-14603, Bufile 65-56502, can be utilized as a control file to record results of the program.

Copies of this letter are not designated to all files and to Pittsburgh and Chicago inasmuch as further action on the program will not be undertaken pending the Bureau's advice.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~65-56502~~)

DATE: 2/6/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-17493)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al.
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ReBulet 1/27/59, requesting observations concerning approach to members of the SILVERMASTER espionage group for the purpose of developing Government witnesses against SILVERMASTER.

It is believed that periodic effort to contact these and other subjects of old espionage cases to ascertain their current attitudes and attempt to solicit their cooperation is justified, although the measure of success to be anticipated is small. As indicated in reflet, considerable time has elapsed since these people are known to have been active in an espionage conspiracy. In dealing with these experienced and hardened subjects, little or no inducement is available for purposes of persuasion and there are few areas where pressure can be applied even in connection with their employment.

In selecting primary targets for interview among the thirteen living members of the SILVERMASTER group, the question of knowledgeability must be weighed along with known or potential vulnerability. The latter is of more immediate importance as successful contact with any one of the group would be worthwhile. The various individuals are briefly mentioned hereafter.

In considering the above elements, it is doubted that SOLOMAN ADLER, NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, and LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE possess any detailed knowledge of the scope of SILVERMASTER's espionage activities or know the identities of his principals, Russian or American. It is thought that ADLER might be an exception were it not for the fact that he was in China during most of the pertinent period involved in this case. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY never met the four individuals mentioned above and they functioned by channeling information through more trusted or better situated members, such as GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY WHITE, LUDWIG ULLMAN, and the SILVERMASTERS. The above observation does not preclude interview of these

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men but should influence selection for early contacts. It is noted that because they are believed to possess little information of value in this inquiry they are none the less formidable for purposes of interview. CURRIE, TAYLOR and BURSLEER have not utilized constitutional amendments and have persistently denied, in various places, espionage activity and Communist Party (CP) affiliation with some success. All would have a great deal to lose by revealing the truth at this late date. It was also noted ADLER is presently a resident of England, according to WFO files, and CURRIE is a resident and citizen of Colombia.

It is believed contact with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER or his wife HELEN SILVERMASTER offers little possibility of success. The same is probably true of ULLMAN as long as he remains associated with and under the influence of the SILVERMASTERS. In addition, we have had considerable experience with ULLMAN through third party contact and directly under the Immunity Statute. In connection with the statute mentioned, effort was made to compel the cooperation of EDWARD J. FITZGERALD with unfavorable results. Finally, it is recalled that FITZGERALD is a very contumacious individual and it is not believed he should be considered for early interview in this project.

At the time, the SILVERMASTER group was first interviewed in 1947, it was believed ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN offered an excellent possibility for successful interview. However, after some early uncertainty, he refused to cooperate and has continued to do so, despite the apparently sincere intervention of his son, on behalf of the Government. Because SILVERMAN is believed a significant figure in the ring and his espionage history is of long duration, it is believed he should be considered seriously as an early prospect. The employment of third party intermediary may be useful in dealing with SILVERMAN, and it is probable that the assistance of the son, RICHARD ALLAN SILVERMAN, should be solicited. Attention is invited to the fact that SILVERMAN is suffering from a coronary condition and the problem of his health must be considered. However, in this connection, the effort should be probably made in the near future while still feasible.

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At the time of the interviews in 1947, ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV, Stepson of SILVERMASTER, was a college student 23 years of age. Upon interview he denied knowing ELIZABETH BENTLEY or JACOB GOLOS, denied acting as a courier for these individuals between Washington, D.C., and New York, and denied ever seeing any document photographed or developed in the basement of his home. At this time, VOLKOV is a mature man and it is believed he should be considered for interview. In addition to being able to furnish facts of interest of the past espionage activities involving his mother and stepfather, VOLKOV could provide the basis for future explorations due to his family relationship.

BELA and SONIA GOLD were interviewed on 4/15/47, and again on 1/20/54, the latter time at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Both persisted in their denials of any guilt whatever and informed interviewing Agents they had appeared before Federal grand juries and Congressional committees without using the Fifth Amendment as a shield. It is believed doubtful that either can be persuaded to talk truthfully at this time, and should not be considered for early interview.

IRVING KAPLAN refused to be interviewed when first contacted by Bureau Agents in 1947, and later refused to answer pertinent questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and reportedly before the Grand Jury and Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee. It is believed useless to contact KAPLAN, and he should be considered far down on a list of persons to be interviewed. It is believed the same is probably true in the case of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE. It is noted that he has continued to associate with communists and, in June, 1958, he applied for and received a passport to go to Czechoslovakia where he planned to visit with GEORGE SHAW WHEELER, who is well-known to the Bureau.

To recapitulate in the presence of some unfavorable condition concerning an individual, it is felt that some planned periodic effort to contact these people is desirable despite the prospect of small success. The names of A. GEORGE SILVERMAN and ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV are suggested for the first two interviews.

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It is agreed that some inducement should be readily available if at all possible, and the subject of immunity should be thoroughly explored so that the full extent possible could be available on the spot at time of contact.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 3-12-59

FROM : *WBA* SAC, WFO (100-17493)SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER
et al (GREGORY CASE)
ESPIONAGE - R*103*
Re Bureau letter 2-27-59 requesting review of certain files by the NYO and instructing WFO to furnish last known addresses of these persons to NY.

Preliminary check indicates none of the subjects are presently residing in the Washington, D. C., area. It further appears that the information in various WFO files pertaining to these individuals is invariably in the possession of the NYO.

For the reasons above and in order to avoid duplication of effort, it is suggested that request for assistance in locating a subject be made by NYC in individual instances as the ~~Government~~ requires. RUC.*18*
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100 364246)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-96155)

HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF
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This case was re-opened in the NYO in August, 1955, to determine if MAGDOFF was performing any service for a communist apparatus. At that time MAGDOFF was employed as a stock broker at MORRIS COHEN AND CO., NYC, and had as fellow employees there, IRVING KAPLAN, FREDERICK PALMER WEBER and HERBERT SCHIMMEL.

In April, 1958, MAGDOFF left MORRIS COHEN AND CO. and is now employed as an insurance salesman with the HALSEY D. JOSEPHSON AGENCY, 555 Fifth Ave., NYC. IRVING KAPLAN was fired from MORRIS COHEN AND CO. in August, 1958, and HERBERT SCHIMMEL was reported to have left MORRIS COHEN AND CO. in 1957. FREDERICK PALMER WEBER continues to be employed there.

To date no information has been developed which would indicate MAGDOFF is performing any service for a communist apparatus. He was active, along with IRVING KAPLAN, in the formation of the "Fund for Social Analysis" in Nov., 1957.

The "National Guardian", in its issue of 3/24/58, stated that the Fund's policy statement said the Fund hoped to increase research on problems opened up by Marxist theory by providing grants in aid for research and publication to social scientists analyzing or applying Marxist hypotheses.

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MAGDOFF is not being recommended for reinterview inasmuch as he was interviewed by Bureau agents on 4/15/47, and he denied any CP membership or having met with VICTOR PERLO, CHARLES KRAMER, EDWARD FITZGERALD, and ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in JOHN ANTON's apartment in NYC on 2/7/44 (as stated by BENTLEY).

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Also in June, 1948, MAGDOFF testified under oath before the HCUA that he was never a member of the CP at any time, that he never contributed funds to the CP and that he never consulted with any known members of the CP in the US.

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A review of MAGDOFF's file at the NYO fails to reflect any basic change in attitude in that he continues to contact known former members of the CP.

In the light of the above it would appear that MAGDOFF has become increasingly taciturn and would not afford agents any better audience than he has the various grand juries and committees he has recently appeared before.

However, at a later date, should interview of MAGDOFF be desirable with respect to his knowledge of the activities of MORRIS COHEN AND CO., consideration could be given at that time in the MORRIS COHEN AND CO. case to requesting permission to interview him.

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In determining whether to attempt a reinterview of MAGDOFF, consideration was also given to Bureau instructions in the SILVERMASTER-PERLO (GREGORY) case. It is believed the factors which dictate against such a reinterview in the light of the MAGDOFF investigation hold equally true in the GREGORY case and no reinterview is recommended. Extra copies of this letter are designated for the Bureau, Newark and WFO, for inclusion in their files on the GREGORY case.

The MAGDOFF case is being placed in a closed status.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 5/7/59

SAC, NEWARK (65-3861)

SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER;
ET AL.
ESPIONAGE - R
(OO: Newark)

Rebulet to Newark dated 2/27/59.

Subjects NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, his wife
HELEN SILVERMASTER, and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, reside at
Harvey Cedars, N.J.

The Newark Office is not cognizant of the
current addresses of other subjects in the SILVERMASTER
case.

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- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 5/7/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
ESP - R

amb ReBulet, 1/27/59, and subsequent correspondence from NY, Newark, WFO and Bureau.

A review of the Gregory Case and case files on all the individual subjects thereof was conducted in the light of suggestions made in relets. None of the files contain any information indicating that any of the individual subjects might cooperate with the Bureau at this time. Each subject is undoubtedly aware that use of the immunity law did not force EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD or WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN to tell their stories and without some sort of lever or new information, it is not believed any of them will talk.

Persons like WILLIAM H. TAYLOR and DUNCAN LEE, the latter out of the US, who have not fully invoked the 5th Amendment in the past and who have told something of their associations with BENTLEY or other members of the group, would know they have more to lose than the others if they changed their stories. They would either use the occasion of a recontact by Bureau agents to try to embarrass the Bureau or to reprove their innocence.

HENRY HILL COLLINS, ALEXANDER KORAL, MARY PRICE and EDWARD J. FITZGERALD were among those who were interviewed in connection with the MOCASE. These persons either refused to talk or would only answer questions about subjects in the MOCASE, who were then under arrest. They refused to talk about themselves or the Gregory Case.

2-Bureau (65-56402)(RM)
2-Newark (65-3861)(RM)
1-Washington Field (100-17493)(Info)(RM)
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The case files on VICTOR PERLO, HAROLD GLASSER, HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF, IRVING KAPLAN and VIRGINUS FRANK COE are either pending at present or periodically reopened in the NYO for investigation. None of these individuals appear to have changed their views toward cooperating with the government.

The suggestion was made by WFO that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV should be considered for early interview.

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On 4/27/59, SA WILLIAM K. BRUEL interviewed HENRY SCHAMP, superintendent at the residence of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, 225 West 23rd Street, NYC. SCHAMP advised that SILVERMAN still resides at the same address and continues to be unemployed. He said that he understands that the reason SILVERMAN is unemployed is because he has a bad heart. He stated the only time he sees SILVERMAN is when SILVERMAN leaves his apartment to take short walks in the neighborhood.

In view of SILVERMAN's health and the unsuccessful efforts in the past to convince him to cooperate, it is not believed efforts at this time are warranted.

ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV is the son of HELEN W. SILVERMASTER and the stepson of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER.


VOLKOV was interviewed on October 27, 1954, by SAS KENNETH H. HACKMAN and JOSEPH A. KUHN, Jr., at Newark, Delaware, where VOLKOV was employed at the University of Delaware. In that interview, VOLKOV said he had been previously interviewed by FBI agents and in 1947 appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in NY. He said he had given the matter considerable thought since that time and had decided that he would make no statements about the activities or associations of himself or the members of his family. He said he realized that taking such a stand would undoubtedly result in the loss of his present position, causing a great deal of hardship for his wife and child, but that he was prepared to make any sacrifice necessary to adhere to his principles.

Dr. CARL J. REES, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Delaware, advised SA KUHN on 1/24/55, that VOLKOV's contract with the school would not be renewed after July, 1955.

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On 3/19/58, Father JOHN MULLIGAN, Head of the Physics Department at Fordham University, advised SAC EDWARD J. POWERS that VOLKOV was being considered for a position as Physics Professor at Fordham University. At that time, VOLKOV lived in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.

Father MULLIGAN advised SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE on 4/28/59, that VOLKOV was never employed at Fordham and the last address for him in the September, 1958, Directory of the American Physical Society was at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. Father MULLIGAN stated, however, that he felt that VOLKOV may be employed in the Physics Department at a university at the present time because he had heard somewhere that VOLKOV had such a position at either the University of Florida or Florida State University, he was not sure which.



In view of VOLKOV's statements at the time of the 1954 interview, it does not appear that he would be a good prospect for cooperating at this time. However, it is believed his present location and occupation should be determined before a final recommendation as to his interview is made. Newark is requested to initiate investigation at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, to ascertain location and employment of VOLKOV.

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Reference is made to New York letter dated 5-7-59, captioned as above, copies of which were designated for the Newark and Washington Field Offices. A copy of referenced letter is attached for the information of the Boston Office. The contents of the referenced letter are self-explanatory. For the information of all offices receiving a copy of this communication, the Washington Field Office recently received an inquiry from an official at Smith College indicating that Anatole Folker was being considered for a position on the faculty of Smith College, which is located in the Boston area.

The Newark Office should, therefore, disregard the lead set forth in New York letter of May 7, 1959, to institute investigation to ascertain the present location and employment of Folker.

The Boston Office should discreetly ascertain whether Folker obtains employment at Smith College and should advise the Bureau of the results of its inquiry. At that time, consideration will be given to the observations set forth in referenced New York letter relative to a possible approach for the purpose of interview of various individuals connected with the Gregory Case.

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Letter to New York
Gregory Case
65-58402

NOTE: The Bureau has been in correspondence with various offices since January 27, 1959, in connection with proposals and suggestions that might be considered in order to develop the necessary witnesses against members of the Silvermaster Group. New York, in its letter of May 4, 1959, set forth certain observations based on a review of the Gregory Case and the files of the individual subjects in accordance with previous Bureau instructions. New York's observations, in summary, are along the lines that efforts to interview the principal subjects in the Gregory Case would be of no avail but that consideration should possibly be given to approaching Anatole Boris Volkov, the stepson of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. It is known that Volkov has been attempting to establish himself in the scientific field as a teacher, and in this connection, he obtained employment within the past year at the University of Miami. On May 6, 1959, an inquiry was received by the WFO from an official of Smith College, located in the Boston area, indicating that Volkov had applied for a position in the Physics Department at Smith College. The above is being furnished to the interested offices in order to prevent unnecessary investigation by Newark for the purpose of locating Volkov. When the exact whereabouts of Volkov are established, consideration will be given to approaching him in connection with this case.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-329903)
(65-56402)

5/26/59

SAS, BOSTON (100-33118)
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ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV, aka
IS - R

GREGORY CASE
ESPIONAGE - R

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ReBulet to Boston dated May 14, 1959, captioned "ANATOLE BORIS
VOLKOV, aka; IS - R," and Bulet to New York dated May 15,
1959, captioned "GREGORY CASE; ESPIONAGE - R."

On May 21, 1959, Dr. JESS JOSEPHS, Chairman, Department of
Physics, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, stated
he had contemplated offering the Subject, VOLKOV, a position
as a physicist but wanted first to determine whether or not
the Subject was a security risk or considered dangerous to
the best interests of the United States Government.
Dr. JOSEPHS was advised by SA WALTER P. BRADY on May 21, 1959,
that, as a matter of policy, the Federal Bureau of Investigation
does not make recommendations regarding clearance or non-clearance
of any individual and that the Bureau is not authorized to
disclose any information concerning VOLKOV.

Dr. JOSEPHS stated the question was now merely academic as
VOLKOV had advised him that he did not believe he would take
the job at Smith College.

Dr. JOSEPHS said to the best of his recollection VOLKOV, when
leaving Miami, stated he was going to live in New Jersey, the
exact city unknown.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 6/15/59

FROM: *For*

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT:

GREGORY CASE
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ReBulet, 5/15/59 and NYlet, 5/7/59.

For the information of St. Louis, relets pertained to consideration being given to reinterviewing ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV and various individuals connected with the GREGORY Case.

ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV is the son of HELEN W. SILVERMASTER and the stepson of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. The Boston Office advised on 5/26/59, by airtel, that VOLKOV had been considered for a post at Smith College, but that he had advised them he was no longer interested in the job at Smith.



The St. Louis Office is requested to discreetly ascertain if ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV is now employed at St. Louis University. He may be employed for the summer

- ③ - Bureau (65-56402) (RM)
 (1 - 100-329903) (ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV)
 1 - Newark (65-3861) (RM)
 2 - St. Louis (RM)
 1 - Washington Field (100-17493) (RM)
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session or may be planning to start in the fall. VOLKOV's field is Physics, and the possibility exists that VOLKOV may have been assisted in obtaining a position by Dr. MELBA PHILLIPS, Physics Professor at St. Louis University, and a former SI subject of the NYO.

St. Louis is requested to advise the Bureau of the results of its inquiry. At that time, consideration will be given to what further action should be taken relative to an interview with VOLKOV.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)(100-329903)

DATE: 7/15/59

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (65-1451)(100-17739)

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
ESP - R

OO: New York

ANTOLE BORIS VOLKOV, aka
IS - R

OO: Miami

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CASE, ESP - R and Newark letter to Bureau dated 7/1/59
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On 7/7/59 Mrs. Y. HICKMAN, Assistant Manager, George Washington Hotel, St. Louis, advised SA RICHARD BOYD SMITH that ANATOLE B. VOLKOV arrived at the George Washington Hotel 5/19/59 and departed 6/2/59. He gave as his permanent residence, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. At the time of his departure he advised the hotel that he would be with a Dr. E. V. CONDON of Washington University at 6604 Waterman, St. Louis, Missouri. A notation on the back of his registration card appears to the effect that after September 1, 1959 he will be at his permanent residence, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.

It is noted that on 6/15/59 the George Washington Hotel received a package from the New Process Company, Warren, Pennsylvania addressed to VOLKOV and Mrs. HICKMAN said they called Dr. CONDON's residence, St. Louis, and were advised he had left for the summer.

Mrs. SEWELL, Faculty Records Office, Washington University, advised SA RICHARD BOYD SMITH on 7/7/59 that ANATOLE B. VOLKOV was at Washington University as indicated above. She stated that he was residing in Dr. CONDON's home while Dr. CONDON was spending the summer at Boulder, Colorado. She also advised that after the summer session ended 7/22/59 it was not known by Washington University what plans VOLKOV might have. They did not know whether he would remain in St. Louis or immediately return to his permanent residence in New Jersey.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SAC, NY (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
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ReNYlet dated 6/15/59, advising that ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV was possibly teaching at St. Louis University.

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NEW YORK

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IRVING GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.

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TO : MR. McGUIRE

DATE: AUG 12 1959

FROM : L. E. SHORT

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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TO : MR. *McGuire*

DATE: AUG 12 1959

FROM : L. E. *SHORT*

SUBJECT: *8* GREGORY
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SAC, NEW YORK (105-12621)

ANATOLE B. VOLKOV
IS-R
(OO: Miami)

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Re Newark Airtel 9/4/59, requesting verification of
VOLKOV's plans to leave for Israel.

The passenger list for the Israel American liner, "Israel,"
was checked by the landing agent, Israel American Lines, 42 Broadway,
NYC, on 9/14/59. Mr. P. BEYDA, the landing agent advised SA FRANCIS
W. ZANGLE on that date that the "Israel" was due to sail on 9/17/59,
but that VOLKOV was not listed as a passenger. The liner "Israel"
was the only ship listed as sailing for Israel during the week of
9/14/59.

By pretext call on 9/24/59, to HERMAN LIEBMAN, 100 Van
Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, NY, telephone KI 6-4954, it was ascertained
that VOLKOV had been residing with LIEBMAN, but had sailed for
Europe aboard the American Export liner, "Constitution" on 9/14/59.
He was expecting to make connections in Europe for travel to
Israel.

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- 1 - Bureau (100-329903) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 7/8/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-17493)

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dated 5/2/46.On page 40, paragraph three, line one, of this
report the name LYNN BRADY is mentioned in connection with
data furnished on 4/8/46, by *(u)* *b2 b7D*Review of pertinent references and logs in connection
with another investigation *b7c*disclosed that
the individual mentioned above is identical with FREDERICK
LYNNE RYAN, aka LYNN RYAN.It is requested that the Bureau and New York Office
change their copies of referenced report to reflect the name
of RYAN.

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Title and Character of Case

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

1ST NAT'L. CITY BANK

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RETAIN AS POSSIBLE EVIDENCE PENDING CONCLUSION
OF CASE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. SPENCER

One-Hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 7/26/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ET AL
ESP - R

The NYO still retains as evidence the original one hundred \$20 bills which were received by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY from ANATOLI GROMOV and which she turned over to this office on 11/17/45. On 3/14/52, pursuant to Bureau instructions, \$2,000 from the New York Confidential Fund was given to Miss BENTLEY to compensate her for the \$2,000 she had received from GROMOV. A receipt and release for this money executed by Miss BENTLEY is maintained by the NYO as an exhibit in this case.

This office raises the question as to whether the original \$2,000 has any further value as evidence. However, before disposing of this money it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to obtain the advice of the Department as to its evidentiary value. This money will be retained as an exhibit until Bureau instruction as to its disposition is received.

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1-New York (65-14603)

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Memo Branning to Sullivan
8-11-61
WHA: mwp
Let attached to 8-8-61
WHA: mwp



1 - Mr. Ba.
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SAC, New York (65-14603)

Director, FBI (65-56402) - 4 2 3

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al.
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 7-26-61 captioned as above regarding the retention of \$2,000 as evidence in this case.

Inasmuch as Elizabeth Bentley is still available as a witness in the Silvermaster case, the Bureau feels that the \$2,000 payment received by her from Brenov has evidentiary value and could be pertinent in any prosecution that might develop with respect to the Silvermaster group.

The New York Office should, therefore, continue to retain the \$2,000 as evidence in the case, and appropriate administrative devices should be established so that the question of further retention of the funds will be considered on an annual basis.

WAA:mrp
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NOTE:

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See memo Branigan to Sullivan dated 8-8-61, same caption, prepared by WAA:mrp.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8-8-61

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER et al.;
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1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Branigan
 1 - Mr. Aull

This memorandum recommends action in connection with \$2,000 presently held by the New York Office as evidence which was received by Elizabeth T. Bentley from Anatoli Gromov in 1945.

Elizabeth T. Bentley, self confessed former Soviet courier, turned over to the New York Office one hundred twenty-dollar bills which she received from Anatoli Gromov, her Soviet superior in 1945 for her espionage activities. Since 1945, the New York Office has held the \$2,000 as evidence. The same amount was taken from the New York confidential fund pursuant to Bureau instructions and given to Miss Bentley in exchange for the money which can be identified as evidence. The question has arisen as to whether the original \$2,000 has any further value as evidence and whether it should be further retained by the New York Office.

The Silvermaster case in which Bentley and Gromov were involved also involved a number of employees of the United States Government, many of whom are still alive and of interest to the Bureau from a security standpoint. We are continually exploring the possibilities of developing a witness who can corroborate Bentley's testimony regarding these individuals even though the Department has previously ruled that many of the people could not be prosecuted because of insufficient evidence. As long as Elizabeth Bentley is available as a witness, the possibility of a corroborating witness still exists, and it is, therefore, believed that we should retain the evidence which connects Bentley with the Soviets so that it will be available as long as she is available as a witness, or at least until the time when there are no possibilities of prosecution in this case. In this connection, it should be noted that the Silvermaster case involved wartime espionage and that there is no Statute of Limitations insofar as prosecution is concerned.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to New York instructing that office to retain the evidence in this case and to submit the question as to further retention on an annual basis.

Enclosure

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

24 Sept 61

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
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Miss Gandy

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Please send any information you might have to:

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Thank you very much.

Elizabeth T. Bentley

Your Truly

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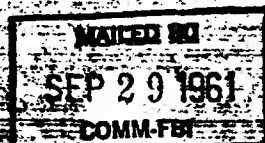
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 24, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated. It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your observations and comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

In response to your requests, while I am unable to suggest the names of any books that discuss the subject you referred to in your letter, I am enclosing a report entitled, "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960," where on page 18, you will find some information that may be of assistance to you. I am also forwarding some other items on the general topic of communism.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960
Director's Statement Re Internal Security 4-17-61
Faith in God - Our Answer to Communism
The Deadly Contest
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.
Elizabeth T. Bentley is a confessed former communist courier who has cooperated with the FBI in testifying concerning other Communist Party members. JCF:pak (3)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 8/29/61

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

⑦ Pages A6725-A6726. Congressman Derounian, (R) New York, stated "the following two articles—one by Gould Lincoln, in the Washington Evening Star of August 24, and the other by Richard Starnes, in the New York World Telegram of August 25—indicate how President Kennedy's alliance for progress is progressing." The article by Richard Starnes points out that "A mysterious, half-forgotten figure who was branded a fellow in the consortium of Communist spies that operated in New Deal Washington has returned to haunt President Kennedy.

alliance for progress program in Latin America. He is Lauchlin B. Currie, former administrative assistant to FDR. Currie, now a citizen of Colombia, was frequently mentioned in congressional investigations as a tool of the Soviet spy apparatus in Washington. In 1958 the FBI named him as a procurer of government secrets for Communist spies."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Monday, 8/28/61 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

September 22, 1961

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Paul G. Rogers
PAUL G. ROGERS, JR.

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Laughlin Currie

Sept. 21, 1961

Dear Paul,

We read that Kennedy plans to spend 20 billion dollars in foreign aid to S. America, the man to plan the spending to be Lauchlin Currie. Mr. Kennedy must know that Currie was exposed as a Communist in 1948 by the F.B.I., after the confessions of Elizabeth Bentley and Louis Budenz. A few years later the F.B.I. named Currie as the man who gave U.S. documents to a Soviet spy ring.

Currie has lived in Columbia ever since and lost his naturalized American citizenship because he stayed out of the country for more than five years.

There is much more to Currie's activities. I remember the affair well. Perhaps you do, too.

Perhaps Mr. Kennedy has nothing to do with the picking of Currie, but he should know who would have the handling of our money in Columbia. A Communist will certainly spend it to further Communism of course.

We know well how you feel about Foreign Aid. It is inconceivable that the President or the State Department would allocate money to a fence-sitting country, to be spent by a known Communist. The public knows how the State Dept. is riddled with men so Liberal that they are favorable to men like Currie, and hampering to men like you, who care desperately which path our country takes - or is forced into.

|| Can you do anything about this? Will you let me know?

We're so glad your Cuban embargo bill passed the house. Hope the Senate passes it in a hurry.

Wish I could see you for a little while after adjournment. Would like to show you something that I don't care to write about.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [REDACTED]

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NEW YORK

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ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

11/17/45

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

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1ST, NAT'L CITY BANK

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. SPENCER

One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills totaling \$2000.00.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/13/62

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FROM : SA EDWARD F. GAMBER

SUBJECT:

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Source

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Characterized

An individual with whom there
has been insufficient contact
to determine the reliability
of information he has
furnished.

Bureau authority is not necessary prior to
incorporating information furnished by [redacted] into
communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau
when such information is suitably paraphrased in such a
manner that the identity of the source is not jeopardized.
In the event that certain specific information is of such a
nature that it should not be disseminated, the decision not
to disseminate the information should be called to the
attention of the Bureau on a UACB basis.

A classification of Confidential will be adequate
for material furnished by [redacted]

and it can be para-
phrased. Some information furnished by this source, due to
its very nature, would necessitate a higher classification
inasmuch as the disclosure of such information to any
unauthorized persons could have a serious effect upon inter-
national relations and on the national defense.

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It is suggested that information set forth in communications suitable for dissemination be set forth in a manner similar to or as follows:

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This should not include too much detail which might tend to disclose informant as our source.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 7/23/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER; ET AL
ESP-R

Re Bureau letter 8/9/61, regarding the retention of \$2,000 as evidence in this case.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the NYO is again raising the question of the evidentiary value of the \$2,000 received by ELIZABETH BENTLEY from GROMOV and the necessity of the NYO retaining this money as evidence. The Bureau is requested to advise the NYO of its decision in this matter.

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

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Director, FBI (65-56403) - 4271

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al.
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ReNYlet 7/23/62 in which Bureau advice was requested as to retention of \$2,000 as evidence in this case. New York should retain the \$2,000 received by Elizabeth Bentley from Anatoli Gromov for possible future use as evidence in this case. The question of further retention of the funds should be raised by New York on an annual basis and appropriate administrative devices should be established to follow this matter.

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NOTE: New York has since 1945 held \$2,000 consisting of 100-\$20 bills which was turned over by Elizabeth Bentley as evidence in the form of a payment received by her from her espionage superior. Since the possibility of corroborating witnesses to the testimony of Bentley regarding Silvermaster and others still exists and as long as there is a possibility of prosecution, it is felt that this money should be held by the New York Office. Since the matter involves wartime espionage, there is no statute of limitations as far as prosecution is concerned. In August, 1961, it was recommended that this matter be raised by New York on an annual basis so that possible disposition of the funds can be considered. The retention of the funds in this case is based on an opinion from the Department in 1951 as to the desirability or necessity of maintaining and preserving the actual currency which a double agent alleges he received from the Russians. The Department stated that while it is not necessary that the money be preserved for introduction into evidence, it is highly desirable that it be so preserved and it was suggested that in any case where such currency is secured that it be retained for introduction as evidence in the event of prosecution. SAC Letter 46,

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Mr J Edgar Hoover, Head
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

Communism is not a dead subject in the United States.
From their point of view it was not a perversion to have scheduled
Algier Hiss on nationwide TV to discuss Richard Nixon.

Please see who was responsible and cooperative
in this program.

I believe that we should make a card on these people
each time this type of thing happens. In not to long a time these
cards could be sorted in some machine. No doubt we could uncover
some shocking details in this manner.

Algier Hiss is a real classic example of active
communism in high echelons of our government. I wish he was
the only one but my suspicious nature does not permit me that
naivete.

You may wish to make a card file on the reporters
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Yours truly,

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November 15, 1962

EX-100

[Redacted]

Boyd
Sub

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of November 12th has been received.

The motives prompting your writing me are appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOV 15 1962
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent has previously indicated himself as being a Doctor of Optometry. He has written on several occasions in the past bringing information to our attention which he believes to be of a security interest and offering assistance to the Bureau. (100-0-22853 and 62-90001-74)

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Field Division

NEW YORK

Name and Character of Case

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS. ETAL
SP-R

Date Property Acquired

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

1ST NAT'L CITY BANK
72ND ST. BRANCH, NYC

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

ONE HUNDRED (100) \$20.00 BILLS TOTALING \$2000.00.
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NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property at Bulky Exhibit

1ST NAT'L CITY BANK
72ND ST. BRANCH, NYC

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE - RETAIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 8/8/63

FROM :

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ET AL
ESPIONAGE-R

ReBulet 8/10/62.

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In accordance with Bureau instructions, the NYO is again raising the question of the retention, as evidence of the \$2,000.00 received from ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. The NYO is of the opinion that this money can be disposed of without jeopardizing the rather remote possibility that prosecution would be entertained at this late date. The following factors should also be considered by the Bureau:

1. It appears that the money would be of evidentiary value solely in corroboration of the direct testimony of BENTLEY that on November 17, 1945, she was in possession of \$2,000.00 which she turned over to the FBI. It is submitted that this fact can be proved by the records of the FBI kept in the ordinary course of business, such as the receipt and release for this money executed by Miss BENTLEY. In and of itself the introduction of the money into evidence would not legally prove or corroborate that BENTLEY received this money from GROMOV for espionage purposes. The fact that it might have a psychological effect on the jury is conceded.

2. BENTLEY severed her espionage connections with the SILVERMASTER group in mid-September, 1944. The money in question was received by her, subsequent to that date, from her new espionage superior, GROMOV. Since there is no evidence linking GROMOV with the operations of

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the SILVERMASTER group, it does not appear that the \$2,000.00 would be admissible in evidence against the SILVERMASTER group except in some very broad type of conspiracy case involving the activities of GROMOV as well as that of the SILVERMASTERS.

Please!
JDP

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER; et al.
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reurlet 8/8/63 requesting authority to dispose of the \$2,000 in the possession of your office which was received from Elizabeth L. Bentley.

While the Bureau agrees with your observations concerning the evidentiary value of the funds in question, the decision, through the years, to retain possession of these funds until such time as there is no longer any possibility of prosecution is based on an opinion from the Department. The Department advised that, while it is not necessary that the money be preserved for introduction into evidence, it is highly desirable that it be so preserved as long as a possibility of prosecution exists. Accordingly, in view of the Department's advice, Bureau desires that you retain these funds as long as possibility exists of obtaining corroboration of the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley. Handle maintenance of funds in accordance with instructions in Bulet 8/10/62.

JCS:pal
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NOTE:

New York has held this money since 1945 which was turned over by Bentley as evidence of payment received by her from her espionage superior. The possibility of locating corroborating witnesses to the testimony of Bentley regarding Silvermaster and others still exists and in view of opinion expressed by Department which is probably based on the psychological effect production of the actual money would have on a jury, it is not an alternative but to retain it.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK
FROM SAC NEW HAVEN 032100

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE,
REBULET TO NEW HAVEN, MAY 18, 1959.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK, ELIZABETH BENTLEY
DIED AT NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THIS DATE AFTER AN OPERATION
PERFORMED ON PREVIOUS DAY TO REMOVE AN ABDOMINAL TUMOR.
THE FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON NEXT FROM
ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME IN MIDDLETOWN, CONNETICUT.

OF INTEREST TO BUREAU, DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF TERMINAL
ILLNESS, BENTLEY, WHO HAD NO CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONS, KEPT
NEW HAVEN OFFICE FULLY INFORMED OF HER ILLNESS AND DEMONSTRATED
WARM REGARD AND AFFECTION TOWARD BUREAU TO THE END.

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The intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably
paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12-3-63

Bentley is the former Soviet courier who was our informant in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 12/12/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, etal
ESPIONAGE-R

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RUSSIA, N.Y.

ReBulet 8/23/63 and NYlet 8/8/63.

ReBulet indicated that the \$2,000 in cash originally received by ELIZABETH BENTLEY from ANATOLI GROMOV and subsequently turned over to the NYO should, according to Departmental opinion, be retained until such time as there is no longer any possibility of prosecution.

The "New York Times" and other New York newspapers of 12/4/63 carry stories concerning the death of ELIZABETH BENTLEY on 12/3/63 at Grace-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

In the event that prosecution was authorized against any of the persons named by Miss BENTLEY, she, it is believed, would be the principal witness.

With her passing, it would appear that possible prosecutive action completely disappears.

The need for retaining the above-noted \$2,000 would likewise appear to be unwarranted.

It is suggested that this matter again be discussed with the Department and the NYO be advised of the results.

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 - J. P. Mohr
 - N. P. Callahan
 - Sullivan
 - Branigan
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SAC, New York (65-14603)

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER ET AL
 ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 8-23-63, captioned as above. In view of the demise of Elizabeth Bentley, the New York Office should forward the \$2000 presently maintained by your office for evidentiary purposes to the Bureau in the form of a cashier's check. The check should be made payable to the Chief Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and directed to the attention of the Administrative Division, Budget Unit.

New York Office should retain for any future reference a list of the serial numbers of the bills paid to Elizabeth Bentley by Anatoli Gromov.

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NOTE:

See cover memo W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan, dated 12-18-63, prepared in connection with this letter by WAA:jak:klp.

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 Mr. Callahan _____
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 Mr. Evans _____
 Mr. Gale _____
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)
ATT: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION,
BUDGET UNIT
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603) (C)

DATE: 1/7/64

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER et al
ESP-R

ReBulet 12/19/63.

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Enclosed herewith in accordance with instructions contained in referenced letter, is Cashier's check #213038 of the First National City Bank dated 1/6/64 in the amount of \$2,000 payable to the Chief Clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This represents the money paid to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY by ANATOLI GROMOV which had been retained by the NYO for evidentiary purposes. Miss BENTLEY had previously been reimbursed for this money by the Bureau.

Note:
Informant is deceased. His name has been removed from individual opened on him. Subject is clear.

1-10-64
Presently deposited to U.S.
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- 1 - New York

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ENCLOSURE

Check for \$2,000.00 detached and sent to Treasury. See Certificate of Deposit and Schedule of Collections FBI-70 dated 1/15/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tavel *ST*

DATE: 2-24-65

FROM : L. E. Sho *ly*

SUBJECT: 

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DeLoach _____
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SUGGESTION #690-65

Miss Cunningham has proposed through the Streamlining Committee that a separate alphabetical index be prepared relating to the subjects of File 65-56402 and 65-56402 - Sub 1. This is the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster Case. As the investigation progressed numerous individuals became subjects and index cards were filed in the General Index, however, the serial number where the names first appear is not recorded on the main index cards. Miss Cunningham points out that an index has previously been prepared on the 49 principle subjects in the case and she is proposing that we now prepare a supplementary index on all remaining subjects.

This matter was considered by the Streamlining Committee of the Files and Communications Division and is recommended unfavorably for adoption. Committee pointed out this investigation was conducted many years ago and reference to the material in this file is becoming less frequent with each passing year. In addition, the supervisory personnel of the File Review Unit do not favor adoption of the suggestion. They state employees are not currently experiencing any difficulty in connection with the Silvermaster file.

RECOMMENDATION:

For referral to the Training Division.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised of the suggestion which you proposed through your division streamlining committee regarding the preparation of a separate alphabetical index relating to subjects of a particular case. After careful evaluation, it has been decided this proposal should not be adopted since reference to this material is becoming less frequent with each passing year.

Although this idea was not adopted, I appreciate your continued interest in seeking ways to improve our operations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FEB 25 1965
COMM-FBI - Mr. Tavel

1 - Personnel file of [REDACTED]

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(5) (Suggestion #690-65 dated 2/24/65)

NOTE:

Based on memorandum L. E. Short to Mr. Tavel, LES:ler, 2-24-65, re: [REDACTED]

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8 July '69

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
FBI
Wash., D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Has someone done a book on Algy Hiss that would
give me the facts about this traitor?

If there is could you please give the title, author,
and publisher?

Many thanks.
God Bless and love you.

Sincerely

/s/

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 8th has been received and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments.

In answer to your inquiry, you may wish to refer to "The FBI Story," a book written by Don Whitehead. It contains information regarding Alger Hiss, and perhaps a copy will be in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

October 2, 1969

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your letter dated September 26, 1969, in which you requested the views of this Bureau concerning furnishing specific information relating to Harry Dexter White to the above-captioned individual.

In connection with the release of information concerning White, which has been furnished to you by this Bureau in the form of reports and memoranda, we defer to your judgment in this matter. For your consideration, it is noted that my testimony and that of the then Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate on November 17, 1953, set forth the most complete details concerning this case consistent with the security of the United States. As was pointed out by Mr. Brownell in discussing one of our reports, he stated that it could not "be made public without jeopardizing confidential sources of information and techniques of intelligence operations." The reasoning used at that time is unchanged and to release the complete text of these documents would still jeopardize these sources and techniques. Nevertheless the decision concerning the release of this information is one for the Department to make.

With regard to Public Law 90-23, 5 United States Code 552, it is noted that that statute, under Section (4)(b)(7), contains an exception to public disclosure of information in Government agencies for "(7) investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes except to the extent available by law to a party other than the agency...." It is believed the information in possession of the Department concerning White would come within this exception.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404987)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111667) (P)

SUBJECT: RUTH EVANS COE
IS - CHReHONTel to Bureau, dated 1/31/72, copy of which was
furnished to NY by Bu O-7, dated 2/8/72.

For information of MI, re HON tel advise [REDACTED]

For information of LA, subject is US citizen who left
the US and entered Mainland China via air through Moscow on
3/7/58 with her husband, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, who was subject
of investigation by FBI prior to leaving the US. Subject has
not been known to have returned to the US since that date.

NYO alerting established sources [REDACTED]

For any information concerning subject's activities during her
stay in the US. (c) u

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IA is requested, through established sources, to verify subject's arrival in the US and further travel plans from Los Angeles, if possible.

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Acting Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Dalbey
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Dennis
1 - Mr. Miller

ALLEN WEINSTEIN v. RICHARD KLEINDIENST, et al.,
U.S.D.C., D. D.C., CIVIL ACTION NO. 2278-72

Your letter dated December 4, 1972, captioned as above, enclosed a copy of the complaint and requested that we furnish a litigation report.

Nathan Gregory Silvermaster

Plaintiff inquired as to the availability of FBI records concerning the Alger Hiss case in a letter to Director J. Edgar Hoover, dated September 8, 1969, and Miss Helen W. Gandy, secretary to Mr. Hoover, advised plaintiff in a letter dated September 16, 1969, that the FBI files were confidential pursuant to Department of Justice regulations. He made a request to examine the records enumerated in his present complaint in a letter to Mr. Hoover dated March 22, 1972, which was forwarded by cover letter dated March 28, 1972, to the Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Hoover in a letter dated March 28, 1972, replied to plaintiff's request stating the decision to disclose information from FBI files could be made only by the Deputy Attorney General and that a copy of the letter was being forwarded to him. Plaintiff's last request to the FBI was contained in a letter to Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, III, dated May 12, 1972, in which he enclosed a copy of the March 22 letter to Mr. Hoover. This letter was sent to the Deputy Attorney General for his consideration by our letter dated May 17, 1972.

It should be noted plaintiff's letter of May 12, 1972, states he wrote the Deputy Attorney General on April 10, 1972, requesting a reply to his letter of March 22, 1972. Our files do not contain a copy of plaintiff's letter to the Deputy Attorney General. The Deputy Attorney General denied plaintiff's request for the Hiss file on May 15, 1972. The FBI does not have

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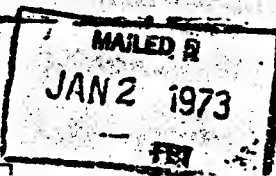
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a copy of this communication in its files. As requested, four copies of each communication from the plaintiff to the FBI and five copies of each communication from the FBI to plaintiff are enclosed for the Department. One copy of each communication is certified.

The FBI has four major files concerning Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers, and other individuals allegedly involved in espionage activities against the United States during the 1940s and later. The investigation of Whittaker Chambers began in October of 1940, and stemmed from allegations that he had been an espionage agent for the Soviet Union. This file consists of two sections and contains 81 serials. The investigation into the activities of Alger Hiss began in 1941 to determine if his possible membership in an alleged Communist front organization constituted a violation of the Hatch Political Activity Act. (See Title 5, United States Code, Section 7311; Title 18, United States Code, Section 1318.) This file consists of 15 sections containing 513 serials. Subsequently, the FBI investigated his possible espionage activities for the Soviet Union, and investigated the perjury charges brought against him in 1948 for statements made to a Federal grand jury in the Southern District of New York. In September of 1948, a separate file was opened to cover the investigation into these perjury charges against Hiss. This file now consists of 176 sections containing 5,730 serials. In addition, since the above investigation was related to various espionage investigations conducted by the FBI during this period, information concerning Hiss and Chambers is also included in a separate espionage file of 161 sections consisting of 4,287 serials. These four files contain approximately 354 sections and 10,611 serials. It should be noted each serial is a separate document and may contain many pages. For instance, the prosecutive summary report prepared for the perjury trial of Hiss, which is one serial, contains 446 pages.

These files should not be made available to the plaintiff because they are investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes, and, as such, are exempted from public disclosure under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(7). Further, these files contain many unproven allegations concerning possible espionage activities of many individuals, which, if revealed would cause them embarrassment and constitute an invasion of their privacy.

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Finally, these files should not be made available to plaintiff because they contain information which would be specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, and as such, exempt from public disclosure under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(1).

Because these files concern espionage investigations, their release for public inspection would prejudice the operation of the FBI by revealing surveillance techniques, espionage informant development, and other similar information which would prove invaluable to foreign agents in their efforts to avoid detection. The possible revelation of informant identities would inhibit informants from providing information and would make the development of new informants more difficult. Likewise, private citizens would be hesitant to come forward to provide confidential information for fear of their identity becoming known.

Enclosed are an original and five copies of an affidavit setting forth the facts establishing defenses pertinent to this suit.

Special Agent Richard C. Dennis, Jr., telephone number 175-2706, is familiar with this case.

Enclosures (28)

NOTE: Based on Department letter, captioned as above, 12/4/72.

I, John A. Mintz, an Inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), being duly sworn, depose as follows:

1. I am engaged in supervisory duties in the Office of Legal Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. By reason of my position and experience, I am familiar with the responsibilities and policies of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. I have reviewed the complaint filed in the suit entitled Allen Weinstein v. Richard Kleindienst, et al., U.S.D.C., D. D.C. Civil Action No. 2278-72. The information demanded by the plaintiff is contained in investigative files of the FBI, compiled for law enforcement purposes in connection with an investigation of the alleged espionage activities of Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers and of the subsequent perjury charges brought against Hiss.

3. Investigation concerning Alger Hiss began in 1941 to determine if his possible membership in an alleged Communist front organization constituted a violation of the Hatch Political Activity Act. (See Title 5, United States Code, Section 7311; Title 18, United States Code, Section 1918.) Subsequent investigation was conducted to determine whether Hiss was engaged in espionage activities in behalf of the Soviet Union. Perjury charges were brought against Hiss in 1948 for statements he made to a Federal grand jury in the Southern

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District of New York concerning his relationship with Chambers.

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Investigation concerning Whittaker Chambers began in 1940 and was based on allegations that he had been an espionage agent for the Soviet Union.

**4. Information concerning Hiss and Chambers is contained mainly in four files, although references to Hiss and Chambers are contained in a countless number of FBI files. The Chambers file *100-25824* consists of two sections totaling 81 serials. The Hiss file consists of *101-26* 15 sections totaling 513 serials. A separate file, concerning the perjury charges against Hiss, contains 176 sections totaling 5,730 serials. In *74-1333* addition, since the above investigation related to various espionage investigations conducted by the FBI during this period, information concerning Hiss and Chambers was included in a separate espionage file *65-5640* of 161 sections totaling 4,287 serials. The total of these four files is approximately 354 sections consisting of 10,611 serials. It should be noted that each serial is a separate document which may contain many pages. For instance, the prosecutive summary report for the perjury trial of Hiss, which is one serial, contains 446 pages. *74-1333-Sub. 95*
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5. These files should not be made available to the plaintiff because they fall within the three following exceptions to public disclosure under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b).

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summary

A. These files contain sensitive information which would be specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy and are exempt from disclosure by section 552 (b) (1).

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B. These files contain information which, if released, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of various individuals and are exempt from disclosure by section 552 (b) (6).

C. These files are investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes and are exempt from disclosure by section 552 (b) (7).

The production of these files for public inspection would prejudice the operation of the FBI in espionage cases because it would reveal investigative procedures such as surveillance techniques, informant development and other similar information that would prove invaluable to foreign agents in their efforts to avoid detection. Further, the investigation into the alleged espionage activities of Hiss and

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Chambers resulted in the obtaining of information from extremely sensitive sources familiar with Soviet espionage activities in the United States during the pertinent period. Therefore, these files contain information that would be specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy and are exempted from public disclosure.

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Since investigatory files contain all the information collected during an investigation, such files often contain unfounded statements and allegations later found to be false. To reveal such statements and allegations would cause unwarranted embarrassment to innocent individuals and possibly result in irreparable harm to their reputations. These files include information concerning the alleged Communist Party membership and espionage activities of various individuals. The release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Lastly, these files should be exempt from disclosure because they are investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. The same reasons for not allowing the disclosure of information that would constitute an invasion of privacy or that would be detrimental to national defense are applicable to justify the non-disclosure of investigatory files. These investigatory files should not be available for public inspection because in addition to facts, they contain unfounded statements that might embarrass innocent persons. These files contain information vital to the national defense which should remain undisclosed. Further, the release of these files would reveal the identity of informants and thereby impair the ability of the FBI to obtain information in the future.

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6. The FBI is able to perform its assigned investigatory duties through its ability to obtain information. Should investigatory files become available for public inspection, the FBI's ability to obtain information in the future might be severely limited. Informants might fear that if they gave information to the FBI their identities might later become known to the public, placing them and their families in possible danger. Likewise, private citizens might be hesitant to come forward to provide information for the same reason.

The release of these files would reveal the identities of FBI espionage informants and also the identities of those individuals who furnished information to the FBI in the belief that their identities would remain anonymous. To reveal the identities of informants and other sources of information in this case could place the sources and their families in danger. The deletion of the identity of a source of information or the withholding of part of the file to protect a source is unrealistic, for it is impossible to predict at what point an individual reader may be in possession of sufficient information to identify the source from the information disclosed. Therefore, the entire investigatory file must be free from public inspection.

7. It should be noted no author has ever been given access to FBI files in the sense of being allowed to personally review files or obtain copies of them. However, the FBI has from time to time,

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furnished writers with summaries of cases and other similar non-confidential material to assist them in preparation of books and articles.

8. Further, the matters described in this affidavit should continue to be held in confidence because the controversy surrounding Alger Hiss still exists. In view of the publicity received by the Hiss perjury case and of the continuing contentions of Alger Hiss, it is impossible to state the information contained in these files will not have to be produced for a legal proceeding.

The FBI continues to conduct espionage investigations and the release of these files could cause incalculable damage to its ability to perform this function. By reviewing these files, foreign agents could become aware of investigative techniques, surveillances, informant development and FBI communications and thereby would be placed in a better position to avoid detection. Finally, in addition

to facts, these files include unfounded allegations and background information concerning individuals who, it is reasonable to believe, are alive today. To reveal this material would at the very least cause them much embarrassment and constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

9. For the foregoing reasons I believe that if compliance with the plaintiff's request were to be ordered by a court it would seriously affect the ability of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to discharge its assigned investigative responsibilities.

John A. Mintz
Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Before me this _____ day of _____, 1973,

Deponent _____ has appeared and signed
this affidavit first having sworn that the statements made therein are
true.

My commission expires _____

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Dear Congressman Froehlich:

Your letter of June 22, 1973, addressed to the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed, Deputy Attorney General, has been referred to me.

The records you have requested have been identified and are being reviewed in accordance with Attorney General Order 528-73, signed July 11, 1973.

You will be notified of my decision in this matter as soon as that review has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Honorable Harold V. Froehlich

NOTE: Based on memorandum Legal Counsel to the Director dated 8/7/73 captioned "Freedom of Information Act Request - Harry Dexter White" RCD:lsh. The only contact the FBI has had with Congressman Froehlich is in connection with the Bureau's program of meeting new members of Congress. The Congressional Directory indicates Congressman Froehlich is a Republican and was elected to represent the 8th District of Wisconsin on November 7, 1972. The documents the Congressman is requesting are extremely sensitive and consequently are undergoing a very thorough review in accordance with Attorney General Order 528-73.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 8/7/73

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST -
Harry Dexter White

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Congressman Harold V. Froehlich, in a letter dated June 22, 1973, addressed to the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed, Deputy Attorney General, requested access to FBI reports concerning Harry Dexter White submitted to the White House in December, 1945, and on February 4, 1946.

By way of background, Harry Dexter White was Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury during World War II and Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund immediately thereafter. He was initially investigated by the FBI for a possible Hatch Act violation in 1942 based on his alleged membership in the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. In 1945 Elizabeth Terrell Bentley, an admitted Soviet courier, walked into our New York Office and implicated White and others in Soviet espionage activities within the United States Government. When interviewed by the FBI, White admitted association with the individuals named by Bentley, but denied being a communist or having any knowledge concerning Soviet espionage. He died in 1948.

The December report mentioned in the Congressman's letter is in fact dated November 27, 1945, but was forwarded to the White House to Brig. General Harry Hawkins Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, under a cover letter dated December 4, 1945. This report is captioned "Soviet Espionage in the United States" and is a summary of such activity from its inception up until that date. There are three references to Harry Dexter White in this report.

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request -
Harry Dexter White

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The second report captioned "Harry Dexter White" and dated February 1, 1946, was forwarded to Brig. General Vaughan on February 4, 1946, by cover letter dated February 1, 1946. This report is a summary of FBI investigation into the allegations made by Elizabeth Bentley concerning Harry Dexter White and contains in more detail the material about White in the prior report. It was sent to the White House after the announcement by President Truman of White's nomination for appointment to the International Monetary Fund, and its objective was to corroborate the allegations made by Bentley. Therefore, the information in this report, which was obtained from Bentley, technical and physical surveillance of White and others, and from interviews, consists mainly of details concerning contacts made by White with people named by Bentley as being involved in Soviet espionage activities. (S)(u)

Some of this information has become public knowledge through testimony of various people before Congressional Committees. For example, the February report was summarized in detail by former Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., testifying before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on November 17, 1953.

In view of the fact these reports are over fifteen years old and much of the information contained therein has become public knowledge, the Congressman's request to obtain copies of these reports must be handled in accordance with the Attorney General Order 528-73. Consequently, the above materials are being reviewed with SA J. P. Lee, Supervisor in Charge, Special Cases Unit, Intelligence Division, and the proper deletions will be made pursuant to the Attorney General Order. With regard to the December report, only those portions which concern Harry Dexter White are to be furnished to the Congressman.

Pursuant to the Deputy Attorney General's instructions, the Attorney General's testimony concerning the Freedom of Information Act on June 26, 1973, before two Congressional subcommittees was reviewed. Our response to Congressman Froehlich is being made in light of that testimony which stressed the need to implement the public's "right to know."

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: Freedom of Information Act Request -
Harry Dexter White

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The only contact the FBI has had with Congressman Froehlich is in connection with the Bureau's program of meeting new members of Congress. The Congressional Directory indicates Congressman Froehlich is a Republican and was elected to represent the 8th District of Wisconsin on November 7, 1972.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Congressman Froehlich advising these records are being reviewed in accordance with the Attorney General Order.

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30 November, 1973

Dear Sir:

I would greatly appreciate any information regarding the availability of files with reference to the Alger Hiss case. I am a history major and am considering prospects of a research project dealing with the time. If, indeed, the files are available I would be pleased to know through what office I may obtain copies. I thank you for your anticipated response.

Sincerely,

Joe Phipps

Joe Phipps
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December 7, 1973

Mr. Joe Phipps
Apartment 101
3429 Wilshire Boulevard
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Dear Mr. Phipps:

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In response to your letter of November 30th, we are enclosing a reprint which sets forth the current Department of Justice regulations and policy concerning implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Attorney General Order 528-73 (Part 50/Statements of Policy), specifies that access to certain FBI files will be accorded to "Persons outside the Executive Branch engaged in historical research projects..." To date, the question as to who comes within this category has not been resolved and guidelines are being established as individual requests are received. Consequently, please furnish us with information regarding the nature of your project and qualifications which in your opinion entitles you to documents relating to Alger Hiss. Upon receipt of this information, we shall make a determination and respond accordingly.

For your information, we have several current requests for data regarding Alger Hiss which is in excess of 53,000 pages. The estimated cost of processing this project is \$12,895 and it is anticipated that all qualified individuals that request access to these documents before the initial dissemination will share in the cost.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Dec. 12/73

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C.
20535

Dear Sir:

Our weekly hour-long documentary program, W-5, is interested in obtaining transcripts of certain sections of the files on Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers which are to be released by the FBI.

Specifically, we would like transcript copies of the testimony of, and other material available relating to, Elizabeth Bentley.

We readily agree to pay the per-page costs of the transcripts that would be made available to us.

Yours truly,

Robert Reguly

Robert Reguly,
Field Producer,
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Mr. Robert Reguly
Field Producer
CTV Television Network, Ltd.
42 Charles Street East
Toronto 5
Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Reguly:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 12th which was received here on December 20th.

A review of our indices indicates we have over 33,000 pages of main files which concern Elizabeth Bentley and an additional 1,100 references to her name. Although it is unlikely that Elizabeth Bentley will be mentioned in all of these pages, it will be necessary to review these files in their entirety to assure we identify all the information she has provided us.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of information and for time spent searching and screening our records. Based on a preliminary estimate, we conservatively project the cost to process your request to be \$4,500. A deposit of \$1,000, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate the processing. We extend to you the opportunity to confer with us in an attempt to reformulate your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and still meet your needs.

If you wish to pursue your request, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay the fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as mentioned above. Thereafter, we will acknowledge receipt of your deposit and advise you when we can begin the necessary processing.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Robert Reguly

NOTE: Reguly is a former reporter for the "Toronto Star" and is now employed by the CTV Network as a Field Producer. He has indicated in a telephone conversation that he is interested in all the material provided us by Elizabeth Bentley which has a Canadian angle. He is mentioned in Bufiles in his role as a reporter in connection with several Canadian cases in which we have had an interest in this country. The main files concerning Elizabeth Bentley are as follows: 134-435, 65-56402, 65-6122, 61-6328, and 9-16655.

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January 2, 1974

The Honorable William B. Saxbe
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Saxbe:

I am an historian presently writing a book about the Cold War and American society. Last September, I was granted access by Director Clarence M. Kelley to F.B.I. files on the Hiss and Rosenberg cases. I have yet to receive a single page of this material, and senior officials of both the Justice Department and the Bureau inform me that the F.B.I. papers in question cannot be released without a policy decision on the precise extent of access, a decision that has been pending in the Attorney General's office since early December. I am writing to you, partly at the suggestion of Senator Brooke's office, to present the facts in this matter and to request that the requisite decision be taken that will allow release of the F.B.I. papers already processed, those concerned with the Rosenberg case.

I enclose several documents that should provide a more complete account of this matter, but please allow me to summarize briefly the situation as it stands. I was granted access to the Hiss and Rosenberg case files by Director Kelley in September 1973 after having requested this material from then-Attorney General Richardson in August under the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act and General Richardson's own July 11, 1973 policy statement regarding criteria for discretionary access to investigatory records of historical interest. Director Kelley, in responding on September 27 to my request for Hiss case files, stated: "We agree with the statements in your letter that your prior request concerning our investigation of Alger Hiss appears to come within the purview of Attorney General Order 528-73." Earlier that month, on September 13, Director Kelley sent me a similar letter acceding to my request for access to the Rosenberg papers.

A consent decree in the suit filed on my behalf in 1972 to secure access to the Hiss papers is presently being negotiated between my lawyers and the Justice Department, since Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Ryan announced on November 12, 1973 that the Department considered "the case is mooted" because of Director Kelley's actions in granting me access. Acting Attorney General Bork referred to these actions when he told an Interagency Symposium on Improved Administration of the Freedom of Information Act on November 29, 1973 that "a wealth of material will become available to historians and the public in such differing but notable investigations as those of Alger Hiss, the Rosenbergs, and Al Capone."

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In the past month, Justice Department lawyers have been expediting for release the Department's own records on the Rosenberg case, records the access to which I requested separately in a November 9, 1973 letter to Acting Attorney General Bork. I have already received the first portion of these records and have been informed that the bulk of the Justice Department's files on the case, once screened for possible deletions, will be made available to me for my research by mid-January, as quickly as they can be processed. Allow me to express my appreciation for the Department's cooperative attitude and work in this regard.

Unfortunately, similar action on the F.B.I. files on the Rosenberg case has bogged down somewhere in the Justice Department in the past few months. I have been informed that only a decision directly from the Attorney General's office can settle the matter and allow the F.B.I. agents charged with processing the Rosenberg papers to begin sending me the requested material.

After receiving Director Kelley's original letters in September, I flew to Washington twice to discuss arrangements for releasing the files with F.B.I. agents in Mr. Farrington's office charged with providing access in the case of scholarly requests such as mine. Late in October, I learned for the first time that there would be a delay in processing until the Department of Justice had ruled on the question of the precise extent of access. The F.B.I. has argued that interviews with principal figures in the case---i.e., the Rosenbergs, the Greenglasses, Harry Gold, Klaus Fuchs, Morton Sobell and similar individuals---fell under 'right to privacy' limitations. Therefore, such interviews could not be released and the entire job of processing the papers could not begin until the Justice Department ruled on this argument. My own contention distinguishes, on the other hand, between the 'right to privacy' of anonymous informants (which I do not challenge) and the alleged 'right to privacy' of public figures such as the principals in cases such as the Rosenberg and Hiss cases. All of the latter figures testified in open court, often relating material developed at these earlier F.B.I. interviews, and many of the principals later published books and other accounts of their experiences. Such material as is contained within the interviews, therefore, should be released to scholars or, at least, so I contend.

Whatever the merits of my arguments on the "named interviews" versus those of the Bureau, however, the fact remains that almost four months have now elapsed since Director Kelley's original letters granting me access to the Rosenberg and Hiss papers and F.B.I. processing and release has yet to begin. Once the Department of Justice rules on this problem of the extent of access, a decision either way would presumably allow the F.B.I. to begin processing the files and sending me those authorized for access. I have been informed that such a decision has rested directly with the Attorney General's office for almost a month. Without it, Director Kelley's policy has clearly not been speedily

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implemented in my case.

These past months have been wasted as far as my research schedule is concerned. After having put aside the time to receive and organize the papers in question, arranging for their receipt after processing and cancelling other research projects to focus on this one, I have yet to receive a single document from the F.B.I. I have tried to indicate my own good faith and responsibility as a scholar to both Justice Department and F.B.I. officials, both in person and on the phone, stating that I would abide by whatever regulations concerning access were established. Moreover, as I wrote to Senator Brooke several weeks ago after months of frustration in determining precisely what was delaying processing of the F.B.I. materials, "I think that my own good faith has been indicated by the fact that I have not taken the obvious opportunity to air publicly the above-mentioned roadblocks, despite many opportunities (and requests) to do so."

I appeal to you, General Saxbe, to end this unfortunate delay and to expedite what the scholarly community, the public, and the press have almost universally praised as this new and admirable policy of releasing legitimate materials from F.B.I. files of another generation to qualified historical researchers such as myself. I must apologize for imposing on your time and attention at this early moment in your tenure as Attorney General, but I could see no other way to break through the apparent bureaucratic confusion that has kept me from receiving any of the F.B.I. papers to which I had presumably been granted access last September.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Weinstein

Allen Weinstein
Associate Professor of History and
Director, American Studies Program

encl. various supporting documents
cc. Director Clarence M. Kelley, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Senator Edward W. Brooke
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January 14, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

On December 11, 1973 you wrote to Professor James K. Lyon of our University of Florida Department of German. Your files concerning Bertolt Brecht can be obtained for \$160. Dr. Lyon will obtain letters from Brecht's heirs granting their approval.

Dr. Lyon has asked the University of Florida Libraries to furnish the funds for the purchase of the Brecht xerox. If funds are furnished, may we ask if this material can be placed in our library collection? Will the general public be allowed access to it?

Dr. Lyon and other researchers are very excited about the new sources of information which may be available. We have had requests to inquire about available FBI material on the following:

1. Elizabeth Bentley
2. Whittaker Chambers
3. Ernest Hemingway
4. John Dos Passos

Thank you for any information you can give us in this matter.

Ray Jones
Ray Jones
Social Sciences
Research Librarian

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Mr. Ray Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of January 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry regarding Dr. James K. Lyon's request for information from our files concerning Bertolt Brecht, this Bureau has no objection to the documents we furnish Dr. Lyon becoming a part of your library's collection for the use of the general public.

A review of our indices indicates we have voluminous references on Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Ernest Hemingway, and John Doe Passos and it will be necessary to review all of these references to assure we identify all of the information pertaining to them. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of information and the time spent searching and screening our records. Our files concerning the four individuals you mentioned consist of approximately 102,530 pages. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$16,300. A 25 percent deposit of \$4,075, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of the deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested.

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Mr. Ray Jones

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We extend to you the opportunity to confer with us in an attempt to reformulate your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and still meet your needs.

If you wish to pursue your request, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as mentioned above. Thereafter, we will acknowledge receipt of your deposit and advise you when we can begin the necessary processing.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with correspondent. The main files concerning the individuals concerned are: Elizabeth Bentley - 134-435, 65-56402, 65-6122, 61-6328, and 9-16655; Whittaker Chambers - 65-56402, 74-1333, and 100-25824; Ernest Hemingway - 64-23312 (approximately 400 see references); and John Dos Passos - 97-2497 (approximately 300 see references).

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 21, 1974

Mr. James C. Farrington
External Affairs Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Farrington:

Whittaker Chambers

In November, I had read a New York Times story reporting that the Attorney General had agreed to permit interested scholars to secure access to the FBI's investigative files. Being an historian specializing in post-World War II politics and internal security matters, I greeted that news with keen interest. My major research interest centers on the important internal security cases and congressional investigations of the Truman years. Noting, however, that researchers must pay for the cost of FBI personnel reviewing the files and that the cost for the Rosenbergs file was estimated as being \$5,000 and the Hiss file as being \$12,895, I thought it appropriate first to ascertain the approximate cost of files I would be interested in researching and, if possible, the foot length of these files.

The files that I would be interested in beyond the Hiss and Rosenbergs files include: the Amerasia case, Elizabeth Bentley, Louis Budenz, Whittaker Chambers, the Communist Eleven who went to trial in the Dennis case, Judith Coplon; and any files you have dealing with your correspondence, interviews and responses to requests from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

If you could, give me a cost breakdown for each of these requests. If it is not feasible to give me an exact cost breakdown, I would appreciate a rough estimate (as, for example, the total request would run in the range of xthousand to ythousand dollars).

Thank you for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Athan Theoharis
Associate Professor
American History

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Mr. Athan Theoharis
Associate Professor
Department of History
Marquette University
1300 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Mr. Theoharis:

Your letter of January 21st to Mr. James C. Farrington, requesting a breakdown of estimated costs for information in our files regarding various subjects, has been brought to my attention.

For your assistance, I am enclosing a copy of Attorney General Order 578-73, which sets forth institutional policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of material and for time spent searching and screening our records. Listed below is the estimated cost and deposit for reviewing our files for pertinent information which can be furnished to you concerning the following individuals or groups:

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Amerasia	FBI	\$ 3,400	\$ 650
Elizabeth Bentley		8,280	2,120
Louis Dulenz		8,320	2,080
Whittaker Chambers		16,415	4,103
Communist Eleven		56,758	14,177
Eugene Dennis		2,650	512
Judith Coplon		2,380	595
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Mr. Athan Theoharis.

In order to initiate processing of any of the above subjects, a deposit is required in advance. A check or money order should be made payable to the Treasury of the United States; however, payment of deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you requested.

If you desire any of these requests processed, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as indicated in this letter. Thereafter, we shall acknowledge receipt of your deposit and begin the necessary processing, as soon as possible.


Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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FLORENCE, S. C. 29501

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D C

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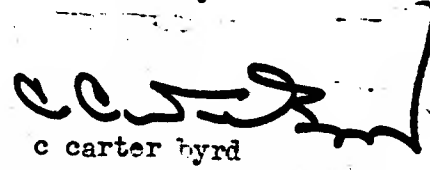
re: Alger Hiss case

I saw a news program a few days ago on CBS Morning News regarding a Court Verdict or Judgment that Professor Weinstein of Smith College was entitled to receive from your files the material you used in the trials of Alger Hiss, and I believe it was stated that this Court ruling would in effect apply to anyone that desired to receive this material.

I have always been intrigued by the Alger Hiss case, as I was working in Washington during the time some of the activities of Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers were taking place, and it developed that they in fact took place very near to where I was living and working. This increased my interest in the case and I think I have every book published on the subject.

If I am entitled to receive this de-classified material, I would indeed be pleased to receive it, and I assure you it is not idle curiosity, although I do not intend or plan to attempt to write any book on the subject like Professor Weinstein.

yours truly


c carter byrd

copy to
Professor Allen Weinstein
Smith College
Northampton Mass

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C. Carter Byrd, Esq.
Post Office Box 787
Florence, South Carolina 29501

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Dear Mr. Byrd:

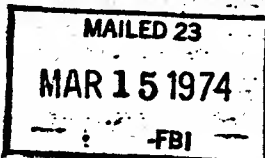
In response to your letter of March 8th, I am enclosing a reprint which sets forth the current Department of Justice regulations and policies concerning implementation of the Freedom of Information Act. Although Attorney General Order 528-73, dated July 11, 1973, grants discretionary access to certain investigatory files, your request would not appear to be consistent with the tenor and intent of the Attorney General policy, which was designed to accord access to "Persons outside the Executive Branch engaged in historical research programs...." As indicated in your letter, your request appears to be personal in nature and not within the purview of existing policy.

You may appeal my decision in this matter by writing to the Attorney General, Attention: Office of Legal Counsel, Washington, D. C. 20530. Additionally, judicial review is thereafter available either in the district in which you reside or have a place of business or in the District of Columbia, the location of the records to which you seek access.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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NOTE: Bureau has had prior cordial correspondence with Mr. Byrd and also correspondent is the seventh person to request our files concerning Alger Hiss under the new policy.

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It was determined that CHARLES KRAMER is identical with "CHARLES KRAMER, aka, SM - C", subject of Los Angeles file 100-50082 and Bureau file 100-355470. A review of this file disclosed that KRAMER was identified as a Communist Party (CP) member in 1965, however, no further information has been received since that time to indicate continued activity in this organization. He was also alleged to have affiliation with CP and Soviet espionage activities during the 1930's and early 1940's. KRAMER was called before the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security during May, 1953, at which time on several occasions declined to answer questions posed by the Committee claiming the Fifth Amendment. During 1957, he was contacted by agents of the FBI but refused to be interviewed regarding any of his activities or associates.

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Messrs. Robert and Michael Meeropol
c/o Marshall Perlin, Esq.
36 West 44th Street
New York, New York 10036

Dear Messrs. Meeropol:

Mr. Mark J. Kurzman, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice, advised me on April 25, 1978, that your attorney, Mr. Marshall Perlin, requested information regarding a document he identified as serial 264 in the New York file 64-14603.

I am enclosing a copy of this serial which is a 113 page document further identified as a report of SA Thomas G. Spencer dated December 5, 1945, titled, "N. Gregory Silvermaster, Espionage - R."

For your information we are presently retrieving statements of Elizabeth T. Bentley from this file and they will be released to you at a later date.

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Sincerely yours,

Allen H. McCreight, Chief
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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NOTE: The enclosed report is from NY file 65-14603 which is captioned Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Espionage-R. Mr. Mark J. Kurzman has requested that we furnish the requesters the enclosed report in an effort to expedite the processing of the Silvermaster file.

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